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The pattern of Fall political campaigns is now being determined in some degree by the words and actions of early primary candidates. Republicans will stress (but not necessarily in the order indicated) infiltration of Communists and incompetents in high places; socialistic trends in gov't; need for economy, and of course the pressing burden of taxes. Latter will be brought home to common man in new dramatic ways. Last wk a mid-western Congressional candidate stepped to platform with a large bag containing items bought at corner drug store. He pointed out "hidden" taxes on each article. Total bill was \$7.98; actual cost of merchandise: \$5.52. (Congress may kill this act by cancellation of excise taxes before Fall elections.)

Democratic candidates up for re-election sense that TRUMAN prestige is at low ebb (it may rise as he gets into another fighting campaign.) They will tend to run on individual records, stressing local issues, and talking little as possible about the Administration. TRUMAN, in personal appearances, may have some difficulty reconciling his Fair Deal program with actual accomplishments of 81st Congress. Thus far, despite Democratic majorities in both houses, he can point to only two minor accomplishments: repeal of oleomargarine tax and enactment of uniform minimum-wage law.

MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Gov THOS E DEWEY, of N Y: "Washington now conveys the impression of fiddling while freedom burns." 1-Q

Fleet Adm CHESTER W NIMITZ, wartime comdr of Pacific Ocean: "The UN is a clinic for political ills where nations can come with their problems." 2-Q

LOUIS F BUDENZ, former Red editor of *Daily Worker*, recommending steps to destroy Communist party in U S: "Learn the nature of communism and combat it with education; keep mbrs of Congress posted on public opinion; and pray." 3-Q

Mrs FLORENCE J SMITH, W Springfield, Mass: "Certain phases of gov't are better understood and handled by men . . . Others could be better taken care of by women, who were born knowing more about economy than most men will ever know." 4-Q

Sen EDW MARTIN, of Pa: "The greatest threat to American freedom is the atomic bomb of nat'l bankruptcy caused by excessive taxation and reckless extravagant Gov't spending." 5-Q

Prof FRANK P HUNGATE, biologist at Reed College, commenting on college experiment which produced radioactive silk from "hot" silkworms: "Women would have to be equipped with lead legs to wear silk stockings mfr'd from this product." 6-Q

Sec'y of State DEAN ACHESON: "We may have our reservations about one administration or another, and we may believe that

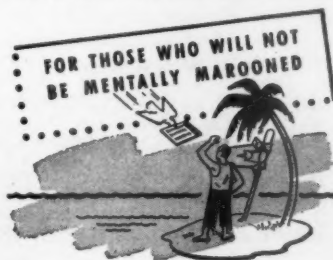
this party or that is taking us down the road to ruin. But we never doubt that the strength of a nation in which men think and speak for themselves will surmount all difficulties." 7-Q

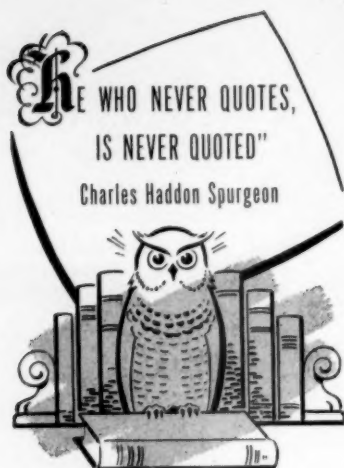
Rabbi HERMAN A GLATT, of N Y: "Contemporary man has become the slave of fear, anxiety, nervousness, and high tension since the discovery of the atom and hydrogen bombs. He no longer possesses peace of mind and mental equilibrium, for he is afraid of tomorrow and what it might bring." 8-Q

CHAS D JACKSON, publisher of *Fortune*: "Neither 'hot' nor 'cold' is the important word—'war is.' 9-Q

Dr FRED H HARBISON, chmn, arbitration bd of U S Steel Corp'n: "I have surveyed 100 different types of labor-mgt relations. I used a simple method: I drank beer with people on both sides, continuously for 3 yrs, and beer drinking did over half the work." 10-Q

Gen CARL A SPAATZ, retired air force chief, commenting on flying saucers: "If the American people are capable of getting so excited over something that doesn't exist, God help us if anyone ever plasters us with an atomic bomb." 11-Q





AGE—Youth—1

Macaulay was a historian at 8. Byron wrote verses at 10. The immortal Mozart made his debut as composer and musician at 6. Douglas Jerrold scored a success on the stage with a farce when he was only 14. Some of Rob't Burns's best poems were written while he was a ploughboy. And Ruskin had written *Modern Painters* at 24.—Wm Strong, "What Is Success," *Tit-Bits*, 3-25-'50. (London)

ANGER—2

Anger is a trait as natural to man as it is to beast. But the beast has this advantage—after the anger has had its fling, the beast gives it no further thought, while man, on the other hand, will continue to fume, burning up his own energies and inflaming others long after the need for further expostulation has vanished.—*Speakers Mag.*

AUTOMOBILES—3

An automobile assembly plant mathematician has figured that if one item were changed on each car according to a customer's order the plant could run 13 yrs without duplicating a car.—*Times-Picayune New Orleans States*.

BREVITY—4

An exasperated ry sup't counselled "Be brief!" to a feminine employe whose reports on trivial accidents ran to many tedious pages. Thus reprimanded, the lady reported as follows on damage done by a cloudburst: "Dear Sir: Where the ry was, the river is."—DONALD COOK, *Trailer Talk*, hm, Warner Fruehauf Trailer Co.

BUSINESS—Vacations—5

Scheme for giving vacations to hourly workers has been worked out in St Louis by unions and contractors. Worker gets in pay envelope stamp for 3% of wkly wage. Can be cashed only at end of a yr and in a lump sum. This plan (a substitute for wage increase) gives paid vacation, makes saving easy for worker.—*American Business*.

CHILD—Care—6

In olden times, babies were bathed at birth, then salted all over, and their heads bandaged to shape them. Then they were bound in swaddling bandages until they were unable to move. It was a popular belief that if a baby's 1st tooth appeared in the upper gum, he would die in infancy.—E TAPWYNN ADAMS, *Parents' Mag.*

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On the island of Corfu, in the Adriatic Sea, women bathe their newly-born babies in warm wine and later rub them with pepper and salt.—FRANK E SHEA, *Today's Woman*.

COMMUNISM—7

The nation is so busy looking for Communists under the bed it's forgotten to look on top of the soapbox.—WALTER WINCHELL, *King Features Syndicate*.

CONGRESS—8

No Paris designer ever cut such a comfortable covering as Congressional immunity. — *Boston Globe*.

CRITICISM—9

The great composer, Liszt, is said to have called upon Rossini with a letter of introduction. Rossini asked him to play, listened politely, and when he was done, asked him what the piece was. Liszt said, "It is a march which I have written on the death of Meyerbeer. How do you like it?"

Rossini repl'd, "I like it very much, but don't you think it would have been better if you had died and Meyerbeer had written the music?"—Prof BERGEN EVANS, Northwestern Univ.

DEBT—Nat'l—10

The income (from taxes, etc) and the present debt of the nat'l gov't are in exact proportion to a man earning \$4,000 a yr and owing \$27,000. Rather than being reduced by payment, the man's debt continues to increase at the rate of \$550 per yr. His expenses exceed his income by that am't.—*Boeing News*.

DEMOCRACY—11

Freedom without obligation is anarchy; freedom with obligation is democracy.—EARL RINEY, *Church Management*.

DETAILS—Importance—12

One man can completely change the character of a country, and the industry of its people, by dropping a single seed in fertile soil.—Prof JOHN C GIFFORD, forester, *Forbes*.

DUTY—13

Some people who do their duty as they see it need to consult an occultist.—J HAROLD SMITH, *Protestant Voice*.

EDUCATION—14

Education is more than just the things we learn in classrooms and from textbooks. It covers learning acquired in any way. No fact ever originated in a textbook; somebody had to discover it before it could be written about. Experience itself is an education.—*Great Lakes Bulletin*.

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EFFICIENCY—15

When Jas MacPherson was serving with the British Expeditionary Force in '40, he left his watch to be repaired at Rennes, in Brittany.

At the end of '49, a pkg reached him at Edinburgh containing his watch, repaired, and the watchmaker's profound apologies for the delay "due to the difficult circumstances of the war."—*Scottish Jeweler & Watchmaker*. (Edinburgh)

EXPORT—U S—16

The vol of U S exports, based on the first 9 mo's of '49, is at the annual rate of about \$13 billion, about 5% of the gross nat'l production.—JOHN C LYNN, *Nation's Agriculture*.

They say . . .

According to *Changing Times*, dogs are increasing faster than people. From one dog for every 20 people a quarter-century ago, there is one for every 10 people now. Add'l business item: Americans spend about \$24 million a yr buying pedigreed pups . . . A gasoline station on Long Island, reports the *New Yorker*, is advertising: "Cars Washed—Imported Water" . . . A group of French writers are compiling an internat'l etiquette book—a guide to keep from hurting people's feelings from Topeka to Timbuctoo . . . Out of 41 yrs' experience, Gen'l Motors has classified auto noises under 7 groups: squeak, scrape, grind, rattle, thump, knock and hiss.

FOOD—Costs—17

A worker in the U S normally spends about 32% of his budget for food. In comparison, a Parisian worker spends about 52% for food.—*U S News & World Report*.

FREE ENTERPRISE—18

An American businessman, visiting in Mex, watched an Indian making pottery vases. He asked the price. "Twenty centavos each."

"And for 100?"

The native thought it over: "It would be 40 centavos each."

The American thought the Indian was making a mistake in price, so he tried again. "And if I bought 1,000, all alike?"

"All alike? A thousand? Well, senor, then they would cost 1 peso apiece."

"Impossible! You're crazy!"

"It could be," repl'd the artisan calmly. "But I'd have to make so many, and all alike, and I wouldn't like that. You would have to pay me well for my work and my boredom."—*La Derniere Heure*, Brussels. (Quote translation)

FRIENDSHIP—19

Once, while sitting in a restaurant, the late Henry Ford was asked, "Who is your best friend?"

Ford thought for a moment, then took out his pencil and wrote in large letters on the tablecloth, "He is your best friend who brings out of you the best that is in you." — NORMAN VINCENT PEALE, noted clergyman & author, "How to Get People to Like You," Today, 3-26-'50.

GOV'T—Expenditures—20

We shudder at the fabulous expenditures of human labor made in building ancient pyramids. But in pyramiding our Fed'l expenditures, we too are consuming staggering quantities of human effort.

This yr's expenditures for the Fed'l gov't are more than: 1) the combined wages of a million workers at the present average rate for 15 yrs; 2) the total cash receipts for all products of America's 6 million farms.—*Colo Taxpayer*.

HEALTH—21

One of the minor pleasures in life is to be slightly ill.—HAROLD NICOLSON, *English Digest*. (London)

HOBBIES—22

For a hobby, Jas Hilton climbs mountains; C S Forester collects ship models; Daphne Du Maurier chops wood . . . John P Marquand's hobby is questionable. "Mentally, I think I love nature, camping, and the out of doors," he writes, "but when I am engaged in these pursuits I am not sure."—DAVID DEMPSEY, *N Y Times Book Review*.

INDUSTRY—Dishonesty—23

Very few business men realize that the annual tribute by industry to employe frauds is about \$400 million. That's a pretty good-sized industry in itself. — J S SEIDMAN, *Credit Exec*.



On a rainy April night, 50 yrs ago, a popular and daring ry engineer rolled the Ill Central's crack "Cannonball Express" into Memphis and prepared to go home. But hearing of a fellow engineer's illness, JOHN LUTHER JONES, better known as "CASEY"* after his hometown of Cayce, Ky, volunteered to take the run. An hr later he eased the engine out of the South Memphis yards.

"All the switchmen knew by the engine's moans

That the man at the throttle was Casey Jones."

What happened in the early dawn of April 30th, as a friend described it, was "characteristic of the desperate chances which were a part of the period of railroading, when the engines were rapidly growing in size and the sidings, safety equipment and other appliances not keeping pace with them." In one of the worst wrecks in ry history, CASEY met two freight trains too long to clear the siding. His fireman escaped—but CASEY was found later, one hand still on the whistle cord, the other on the airbrake lever.

About 20 yrs ago the *Erie Ry Mag* gathered up the actual story of CASEY's life and death. The legendary character was a rounder—but the real-life CASEY, with a solid reputation based on skill and safety, could perform feats with an engine no one else could. People living along the line knew him by his long-drawn out whistle, beginning softly, rising, then dying away, almost to a whisper. Fellow workers idolized him. It was his engine wiper and friend, WALLACE SAUNDERS, who created the original of the famous ballad. In 1902, a song writer heard SAUNDERS singing it. He changed the words but kept the refrain and, popularized in vaudeville style by SIEBERT and NEWSOM, CASEY JONES and his crack Cannonball Express, still ride the rails of song the world around.



"Clocks do not interest me . . ."

In CHRISTOPHER MORLEY'S* "A Slice of Sunlight," from his *Essays* (Lippincott), we glimpse a bit of the philosophy which has kept and will keep forever vital and pulsing the writings of this well-known American author:

I can imagine no more fascinating privilege than to be allowed to ransack the desks of a thousand American business men, men supposed to be hard-headed, absorbed in brisk commerce. Somewhere in each desk one would find some hidden betrayal of that man's private worship. It might be some old newspaper clipping, perhaps a poem that had once touched him. It might be a photograph of children playing in the surf, or a little box of fishhooks, or a soiled old timetable of some queer backwoods ry or primitive steamer service that had once carried him into his land of heart's desire . . .

How patiently, how persistently, with what dogged and misdirected pluck, (men) have taught themselves to ignore the elemental blessings of mankind, subsisting instead on pale and wizened and ingenious substitutes. It is like a man who should shoulder for a place at a quick lunch counter when a broad and leisurely banquet table was spread free just around the corner. The days tick by, as busy, as fleeting, as full of empty gestures as a moving picture film. We crowd old age upon ourselves and run out to embrace it, for age is not measured by number of days but by the exhaustion of each day. Twenty days lived at slow pulse, in harmony with earth's loveliness, are longer than 200 crowded with feverish appointments and disappointments. Many a man has lived 50 or 60 hectic yrs and never yet learned the unreckonable endlessness of

KINDNESS—24

Kindness is not a passive acceptance of wrong and stupidity; it is paying hate with love, and greed with the joy of giving; it is turning fear into caution, resistance into co-operation, ignorance, intelligence, irritation into benediction.—Origin unknown.

LABOR—Mgt—25

Cyrus S Ching, director of Fed'l Conciliation Services, tells mgt how it is often outmaneuvered when it negotiates with labor. He lists the 8 most common mistakes:

1. Unwillingness or reluctance to bargain collectively.
2. Haphazard selection of lawyers as negotiators.
3. Lack of experience.
4. Use of minor officials.
5. Lack of leadership.
6. Lack of confidence in the union and lack of understanding of its problems.
7. Lack of vital information.
8. Too much emotionalism.—*Nation's Business*.

LAUGHTER—26

Laughter is the chorus of conversation.—*Philnews*, hm, Phillips Petroleum Co.

LOVE—27

"A bit of love" is the only bit that will put a bridle the tongue.—FRED BECK, *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*

MARRIED LIFE—28

Beautiful wives will be good for a wk, but good wives will be beautiful all their lives.—*Badische Illustrierte*, Freiburg, Germany. (Quore translation)

ORIGIN: "Dicker"—29

When the Romans were conquering the known world, they bargained with frontier tribes with bales of 10 (decuria) hides. From decuria we got dicker.—*Montreal (Canada) Star*.

PARENTHOOD—30

The first art of being a parent consists in sleeping when the baby isn't looking.—*Recorder*.

one day's loitering, measured only by the gracious turning of earth and sun. Someone often asks me, "Why don't you wind the clocks?" But in those rare moments when I'm sane clocks do not interest me.

PEACE—31

Peace could be practically assured if 3 elementary truths could be hammered into everyone's head: first, that there is no such thing as atomic secrecy; second, that there is no such thing as military security against the atomic bomb; third, that there is no such thing as medical protection against the consequences of atomic attack. — J ALVAREZ DEL VAYO, "Three Atomic Truths," *Nation*, 4-8-'50.

PERSEVERANCE—32

The mechanical engineer tells us that it takes 6 times as much power to start a flywheel from a dead stop as it does to keep it going, once in motion. In other words, it takes only 1/6 as much effort to keep going once you are on the way as it does to stop a bit, and then start again. When tempted to slacken just because things are coming your way, remember the flywheel.—*After Hrs*.

POLITICS—33

At the local church council forum for students, an 11-yr-old boy was asked to define a politician. "A politician," he said thoughtfully, "takes money from the rich and votes from the poor and promises to protect each from the other."—*Atlanta Jnl*.

POWER—34

Forty-five tons of uranium U-235—a 4 ft 3 in cube—could supply all the electric power used in this country for a yr, according to C P Cabell of Gen'l Electric Co's Project Engineering Division.—*Electrical World*.

PRAYER—35

It's better to lift your spirits with prayer than with your elbow.—*Mutual Moments*.

PROFESSIONS—36

In Sweden they have a finger ring for each profession or trade. For instance, you'd recognize a chimney sweep by the laurel leaves and thistle on his ring. The carpenter has a series of acacia leaves interposed with axes and Greek crosses. High school teachers are known by an oak leaf ring. And a good Swede wears his family ring on his forefinger, his professional fits

on his middle digit and wedding ring on his 4th finger.—CEDRIC ADAMS, *Minneapolis Tribune*.

PROFIT—37

Profit is the ignition system of our economic engine.—CHAS SAWYER, Sec'y of Commerce.

READING—38

There is some evidence, if research at the Univ of Mich a few yrs ago be reliable, that hr for hr, a reader will learn much more from digests and condensations than from full length writings. — ROB'T BROADUS, Librarian, Geo Pepperdine College, "The Minister and His Books," *Expositor*, 4-'50.

REFERENCES—39

When asked for references, the maid repl'd, "I didn't bring them with me—like my pictures, they never do me justice." — *Pipe Dreams*, hm, Universal Concrete Pipe Co.

RUSSIA—40

When the Danish schooner, *Josefa*, put into a Soviet port on the Baltic for emergency repairs, Skipper Paul Dam, of Bornholm, and his crew were royally entertained by the Russians.

Specially reserved automobiles and ry coaches carried them to Tallinn and Leningrad, and they were shown a lavish time—topped off by a document saying it was all a Russian gesture and for free.

The men were then flown home—where Capt Dam found a letter from the Soviet For'gn Office with a bill for \$1,500 for board and lodging and entertainment, plus a reminder that if he wanted his repaired ship back, it would cost him \$50,000.—*Dagens Nyheter*. (Stockholm)

SECURITY—41

When God made the oyster, He guaranteed him absolute economic and social security. He built the oyster a house, a shell, to protect him from his enemies. When hungry, the oyster simply opens his shell and food rushes in for him.

But when God made the eagle, He said, "The blue sky is the limit. Go build your own house," and the eagle built on the highest mountain crag, where storms

threaten him every day. For food he flies thru ml's of rain and snow and wind.

The eagle, and not the oyster, is the emblem of America.—G E News, hm, Gen'l Electric Co.

SLANG—42

Slang is a device for making ignorance audible.—JOHN ANDREW HOLMES, clergyman and author, *Family Circle*.

My grandad, viewing earth's worn cogs,
Said things were going to the dogs;
His grandad in his house of logs,
Said things were going to the dogs;
His grandad in the Flemish bogs,
Said things were going to the dogs;
His grandad in his old skin togs,
Said things were going to the dogs;
There's one thing that I have to state—
The dogs have had a good long wait.—Origin unknown. 43

SOCIALISM—44

Socialism, like Communism, Nazism and Fascism, can only succeed if everything and everybody is subordinated to the State to be restricted, rationed, controlled and directed when and how the State thinks fit, as in Soviet Russia, prewar Nazi Germany and pre-war Fascist Italy.—WM MUNRO, *Illustrated*. (London)

SPEECH—Speaking—45

Oratory is the art of making pleasant sounds which get applause from people who do not understand what the speaker means.—*Nat'l Safety News*.

SUCCESS—46

Success: Making more money to meet obligations you wouldn't have if you didn't have so much money.—*Call Workman*.

TAXES—47

Special taxes paid by motor vehicle owners in the U S in '49 totaled about \$3.7 billion, or \$300 million more than in '48, and \$1.6 billion more than in '41. This does not include any income, sales, property, and other

gen'l taxes paid out by motorists.

When both special and gen'l taxes are included, a study by one large automotive firm shows that the average new car today bears a tax of about \$511 before it reaches its 1st owner.—*Automobile Facts*.

TELEVISION—48

Arthur Godfrey asked Bob Hope how he liked TV. "Television," repl'd Hope, "is like seeing someone you know at the bottom of a bowl of jelly."—LARRY WOLTERS, *Oklahoman Mag*.

TEMPTATION—49

When a woman, shrinking from the realities of a certain situation, spent all her time praying to be delivered from temptation, a friend exclaimed that at least she ought to get out onto the field of conflict and give the temptation a chance.—J CARTER SWAIM, "Devotional Life—or Life of Devotion," *Internat'l Jnl of Religious Education*, 3-'50.

TIME—50

Time wasted is existence; used it's life.—*Specialty Salesman*.

VETERANS—51

Almost 25 million Americans have been "participants"—mbrs of the armed services—in this Country's 7 major wars. And almost a million have met their deaths while in service, either in combat or from disease or accident.—*Omaha World-Herald*.

WAGES—52

Since '14, the purchasing power of an hr's work in our country has just about doubled; in this period, average factory worker's wages have risen twice as much as prices; today's factory worker has to work only about half the number of hrs . . . to pay the family bills. — SYLVIA PORTER, *N Y Post Syndicate*.

WAR—Cost—53

Future wars are costing us so much we shall never be able to finish paying for past ones.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

WORLD AFFAIRS—54

Asked why he requested to be allowed to remain in jail after his prison term was up, a westerner repl'd: "I've been keeping up with the news of the world."—*Grit*.

GOOD STORIES •

You Can Use

A Communist agitator rode into the city park, and, after leaning his bicycle against the railing, mounted a soap box and started to address the crowd.

"If your family is hungry," he shouted, "raid a shop and take food for them, and don't care what anybody says. If your wife hasn't got a coat, pick the best fur coat you can see, and ignore the consequences."

After several more min's in this strain, he dismounted from his soap box, and his next words were: "Where's the scoundrel who took my bicycle?"—*Oral Hygiene*. a

"*Soll: That from which farmers and laundries make a living.*—Outdoor Ind.

"How many cows are you milking?" the census taker asked an Ia farmer.

"A cow and a half," he repl'd. "A cow and a half? What do you mean?"

The farmer explained that he milks 1 cow morning and night. The other cow he milks only in the morning, turning her over to a calf at night.

Now his neighbors are wondering how the census taker will record that he milks half a cow—*Des Moines Register*. b

"*There's something to be said for living in Russia at that; you'd never lose an election bet.*—TOM KELLY, Emmetsburg (Ia) Reporter.

A priest was one day passing a gaol in his car. He was hailed by a man emerging from the prison. The priest gave him a lift and, in course of conversation, learned that he had just finished a term in prison for picking pockets. This rather disturbed the priest, and driving in a little agitation he disregarded the traffic lights.

A policeman appeared, stopped the car and, producing a notebook, took down all the particulars. When the time came for the priest to drop his passenger the man said: "Thank you, Father.

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

LEONARD LYONS

Columnist

Lord Vansittart flew from London to West Point, where his mission was to inspect the maps, radar experiments, campaign plans, chemical warfare work and every secret device employed by the U S Army. After a long night, Vansittart took a morning constitutional around the West Point grounds. Two uniformed guards stopped him near the football field and barred his way. "Something secret going on there," one guard said, "and no outsiders are allowed to go in." His lordship, who had just been shown every wartime secret of the Army, identified himself, but the guards were firm. "But what's going on there?" asked Vansittart. The guards explained: "Secret practice for the Navy game."—*Argosy*.

One good turn deserves another—something for you." And he presented him with the policeman's notebook!—*Tablet*. (London) c

The managing director of the gas co was making a stirring address. "Think of the good the gas co has done," he said. "If I were permitted a pun, I should say, 'Honor the Light Brigade.'"

And a customer, who could quote a little poetry himself, shouted, "Oh, what a charge they made!"—*Biblical Recorder*. d

"*Before one decides to live by his wits, he should make sure he has the necessary equipment.*—Boston Globe.

A caller at a certain house in Israel which was divided into several ap'ts rang the bell and asked the man who ans'd the door if he could speak to Mr Erwin Muller.

"But you rang the bell only once," the caller was accused.

"Yes," he repl'd, taken aback. "Well, can't you see the card over the bell says 'Ring twice for Erwin Muller'? Must I keep running backwards and forwards for every Tom, Dick and Harry who rings the bell only once?"

The caller apologized profusely, and the other slammed the door angrily in his face. Timidly the caller rang again—twice.

To his embarrassment, the same man opened the door. "Oh, dear," said the caller. "I'm really so sorry . . . Can I speak to Mr Erwin Muller?"

"Yes, go on—I'm Erwin Muller."—*American Hebrew*. e

"*The 7 ages of woman—the infant, the little girl, the miss, the young woman, the young woman, the young woman, the young woman.*—Spotlight.

While we were coming out of the show, a lady in front of us dropped her handkerchief. I told my 6-yr-old son to pick it up.

"Not me," he repl'd gruffly. "In the movies that's how guys start getting married."—Mrs L. ANDERSON, *Times-Picayune New Orleans States Mag*. f

After the guest speaker had given a talk at the Officers Club, a little group gathered to discuss it.

"It was admirable!" exclaimed the Adm.

"In general, yes," agreed the Gen'l.

"No major faults whatsoever," said the Maj.

"He got down to the very kernel of the situation!" declared the Col. "And he covered his field and marshalled his facts splendidly," observed the Field Marshal.

"And what an excellent command of English!" exclaimed the Comdr.

Then a Pvt who had been listening at the door stepped for-

ward. "Sorry, gentlemen, I can't agree with you," he said. "I thought the speech was dull—but of course, that's just my *private* opinion."—RUSSELL GORDON CARTER, *Youths' Companion*. s

The poor European scrimped and saved until he finally had passage fare to the U S, tho the cost was excessive for him. Finally, the voyage completed, the steamer docked in N Y. The DP was sitting on his suitcase looking at the waterfront when suddenly a deep-sea diver, in his complete outfit, came walking out of the water. "Oh, if I'd only thought of that," cried the newly arrived passenger. "I could have saved money by buying one of those and walking over!"—*Le Digeste Francais*, Montreal. (QUOTE translation) h

The bill collector's work is not so "much an occupation as a pursuit."—Banking.

"Your son," complained the taxi driver to his elderly passenger, "tips me more generously than you do."

"That's quite possible," was the reply. "He has a wealthy father. I haven't."—*Santa Fe Mag*, hm, Santa Fe Ry. i

Batter Up!

Spring weather brings the trek back to the open air and the baseball diamond, whether on the corner lot or in the big stadiums. These views are from a list compiled by FRANCES RODMAN, in the N Y Times Mag:

"If an umpire has any friends at all, he ought to be permitted to keep them with him at all times. He might need them."—CHAS COMISKEY.

"Gentlemen, swinging a bat is a great tonic, a fine exercise. It strengthens the diaphragm. Besides, you may hit the ball."—BILLY SOUTHWORTH.

"I won't have pipe-smokers on my team. Pipe-smoking is the sign of a contented man."—Attributed to JOE MCCARTHY. j

Mabel was all dressed up. "Big occasion?" her girl friend asked.

"You bet. At last I'm going out with a very successful man."

"How do you know he's successful?"

"His name is on every sucker list in the country," Mabel ans'd, "the gov't takes most of his income, and he has 2 ulcers."—*Air Conditioning & Refrigeration News*. k

Love is like a steam radiator—it keeps you warm even tho it's 90% hot air.—JUDY CANOVA, radio program.

Young Willie had got the best of it in a scrap with a neighbor kid. He was going to have a party and his mother said he must be sure to invite this neighbor boy. But the boy didn't come to the party.

Mother, suspicious, asked, "Did you invite Charley to the party?"

"Sure, Mom," said Willie. "I not only invited him to come, but I dared him to."—*Speakers Mag*. l

"I've decided on a name for baby," said the young mother. "I shall call her Euphrosyne."

The husband did not care for the selection but he was tactful.

"Splendid," he said, cheerfully. "The 1st girl I ever loved was called Euphrosyne."

There was a brief silence. Then his wife said sternly: "We'll call her Elizabeth after my mother."—*Tit-Bits*. (London) m

Culled' from a school boy's exam: "Inclement is where Mr Attlee's meals go."—Dixon's Paper Circular, hm, L S Dixon & Co. (Liverpool)

Dan'l Webster once good-naturedly wrote a letter for an ignorant servant, and when he had asked him, "Is there anything else you wish to say, Mike?" the man scratched his head and finally said, "Yes, if you please. Just say they must excuse the poor scholarship and want of sense the letter shows."—*Current History*. n



AUTOMOBILE — Appliances: Three-color Stop-N-Go Lite for rear of automobile automatically tells driver behind whether a car is traveling more than 10 mi's an hr. A green light goes on when car exceeds that speed. Amber light glows when brakes are applied; red one indicates speed is 10 m p h or less. Made by Harrell Products, Milwaukee. (*Popular Science*)

GIFT WRAPPING: A pre-tied bow with sufficient free ribbon to tie a gift pkg is wrapped in cellophane to prevent creasing or other damage. Available in many sizes and different widths of ribbon. (*American Mag*)

LAWN MOWER: Power unit called Midgettractor turns man-powered mower into motor-driven job; clamps on to mower in 3 min's with pair of pliers. LeJay Mfr'g Co, 2912 S Emerson Ave, Minneapolis, Minn. (*Business Wk*)

REFRIGERATION: New type of refrigerator home freezer with foot-pedal door opener and self-sealing magnetic doors has been announced by Gen'l Electric Co. New model also has an ice-cube tray which will free 1 cube at a time. (*Chicago Daily News*)

SPEECH—Aids: Automatic timer for public speakers has been perfected. Operates on 3 flashlight batteries, utilizes 6-volt buzzer. Warning light flashes automatically 2 min's before end of time. Buzzer sounds at end of period. Will be put to good use by service clubs where dinner hr is limited. (*Grit*)

TELEVISION: New checking service supplies black-and-white stills or sound-on-film movies photographed directly from TV receivers. Interested party gets permanent record of part or all of shows. (*Adv'g Agency*)

Quote CALENDAR

April 30

- 1789—*Washington inaugurated as 1st U S Pres
- 1870—b Franz Lehar, Hungarian composer
- 1873—d David Livingstone, Scottish missionary, explorer
- 1879—d Sarah Buell Hale, American poet, editor
- 1900—d Casey (John Luther) Jones, American ry engineer
- 1945—d Adolf Hitler, Austrian-born German political leader

May 1

- 1650—Scottish Metrical Psalter published
- 1672—b Jos Addison, English poet, essayist
- 1898—Battle of Manila Bay
- 1904—d Anton Dvorak, Bohemian composer
- 1950—Child Health Day
- 1950—May Day

May 2

- 1519—*d Leonardo da Vinci, Italian artist, engineer
- 1729—b Catherine II, Empress of Russia
- 1863—d Stonewall (Thos) Jackson, American gen'l
- 1904—b Bing (Harry Lillis) Crosby, American actor, singer

May 3

- 1469—*d Niccolo Machiavelli, Italian statesman, philosopher
- 1824—*d Jos Joubert, French moralist
- 1845—d Thos Hood, British poet
- 1849—b Jacob A Riis, Danish-born American journalist

May 4

- 1796—b Horace Mann, American educator
- 1796—b Wm H Prescott, American historian
- 1825—*b Thos Huxley, English biologist
- 1873—d Wm H McGuffey, American educator

May 5

- 1818—*b Karl Marx, German philosopher
- 1821—*d Napoleon Bonaparte, French emperor
- 1890—*b Christopher Morley, American author
- 1902—d Bret Harte, American author

May 6

- 1754—*b Jos Joubert, French moralist
- 1840—1st postage stamp issued (England)
- 1856—b Rob't E Peary, American Arctic explorer
- 1856—*b Sigmund Freud, Austrian physician, founder psychoanalysis
- 1881—*b Rabindranath Tagore, Indian poet, author
- 1862—*d Henry David Thoreau, American author, naturalist
- 1870—b John T McCutcheon, American cartoonist, journalist
- 1950—Ky Derby

*Indicates relevant mat'l on this page. See also: Pathways to the Past, Gem Box.

JOS ADDISON*

True modesty avoids everything that is criminal; false modesty everything that is unfashionable.

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE*

Madame Monthonol once inquired of Napoleon what troops he considered the best. Repl'd the Emperor: "Those which are vic-

torious, Madame." — LOUIS BOURRIENNE, *Memoirs of Napoleon Bonaparte*, edited by R W PHIPPS. (Scribner)

SIGMUND FREUD*

The son-in-law and mother-in-law are forced by the tribal laws to shun each other. They must run away or hide when they meet by chance. In civilized communities, to the regret of many, there are no such laws.

THOS HOOD*

Evil is wrought by want of thought as well as by want of heart.

THOS H HUXLEY*

Time, whose tooth gnaws away everything else, is powerless against truth.

JOS JOUBERT*

Some minds are so fervent that their thoughts go up in smoke and are consumed the moment they are formed.

NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI*

It is rather easy to get your subjects to sacrifice their lives for you; but be careful in imposing too high taxes on them; this might be dangerous to you.

HORACE MANN*

A house without books is like a room without windows.

KARL MARX*

The only part of the so-called nat'l wealth that actually enters into the collective possessions of modern peoples is their nat'l debt.

JACOB A RIIS*

When nothing seems to help, I go and look at a stone-cutter hammering away at his rock, perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet, at the hundred and first blow, it will split in two, and I know it was not that last blow that did it, but all that had gone before.

RABINDRANATH TAGORE*

During one of Tagore's visits to Malaya, the editor of a newspaper who had hoped to exploit Tagore for his own purposes and had failed, fell foul of him in his paper. Tagore contented himself with the withering remark; "He took me for a politician, and I

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A copy of this prayer, offered by GEO WASHINGTON after his Inauguration in 1789,* was found in his pew, St Paul Chapel, N Y:

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the U S in Thy holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to gov't; to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the U S at large.

took him for a gentleman. But I find both of us were mistaken." — *India Digest*.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU*

In youth, a man gets together the mat'l's to build a bridge to the moon. In middle life, he uses those mat'l's to make a woodshed.

LEONARDO DA VINCI*

Iron rusts from disuse, stagnant water loses its purity and in cold weather becomes frozen; even so does inaction sap the vigors of the mind.

